

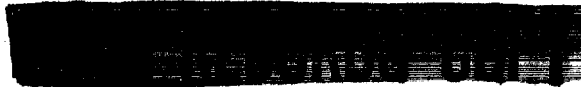
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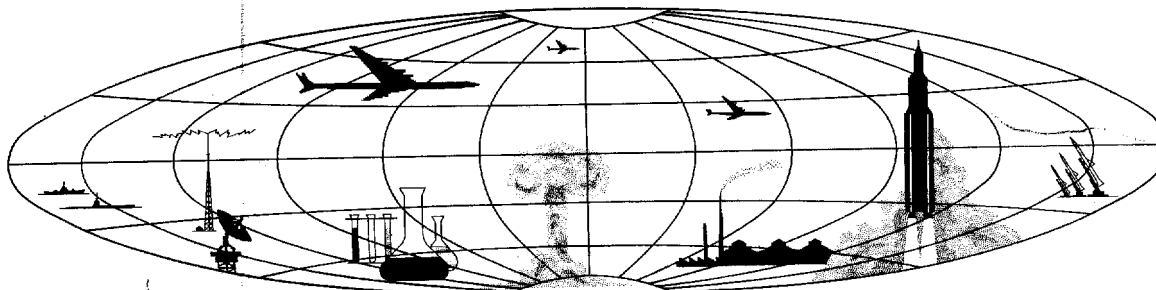


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POSSIBLE STATIC TEST FACILITY

KRASNOARMEYSK, USSR

A possible static test facility has been identified in a hilly, wooded area east of Krasnoarmeysk and about 27 nautical miles (nm) northeast of Moscow at 56-07N 38-09E (Figure 1). This facility was covered by



FIGURE 1. LOCATION OF KRASNOARMEYSK.

It consists of a possible static test area, a probable support area, and several areas of unidentified activity (Figure 2). The facility covers an area approximately 11.3 by 3 nm and appears to be secured by a single fence. This secured area is dissected by numerous small ravines. A heavily wooded strip about .5 nm wide extends down the center of the

area for three-fourths of its length. Electric power is apparently obtained from the Moscow-Zagorsk transmission line. The facility's water supply may come from the nearby Vorya River and several small reservoirs within the area, although no water intakes, pumping stations, or pipelines can be positively identified.

Personnel housing accommodations are apparently located in the nearby towns of Krasnoarmeysk and Putilovo, as no housing facilities are evident within the secured area. Numerous roads serve the area from these towns. Southeast of Krasnoarmeysk, a small airstrip, approximately 5,000 feet long, may provide limited air support.

A description of the significant features of the Possible Static Test Facility follows (item numbers and annotations are keyed to Figure 2).

Possible Static Test Area (item 1). This Possible Static Test Area is located about 4 nm northeast of Krasnoarmeysk in a small clearing measuring approximately 800 by 300 feet. Its most conspicuous feature is a burn area, approximately 200 by 60 feet, extending from several buildings into a ravine. In all, four buildings, measuring 100 by 50 feet, 50 feet square, 50 by 30 feet, and 40 feet square, are discernible. No high-bay buildings or vertical test stands are evident. Furthermore, no fuel tanks or pipelines are visible, although the small scale of the photography and the heavy timber in the area may preclude identification of these features. Taken together, the position of the buildings in relation to the burn area, the absence of high-bay buildings and vertical test

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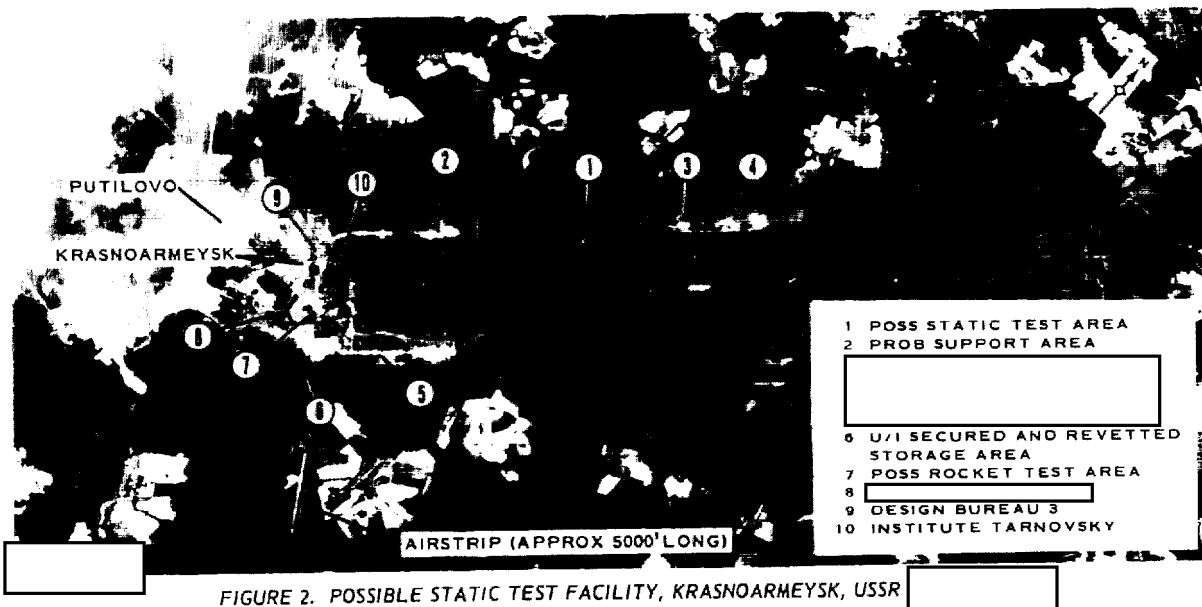


FIGURE 2. POSSIBLE STATIC TEST FACILITY, KRASNOARMEYSK, USSR

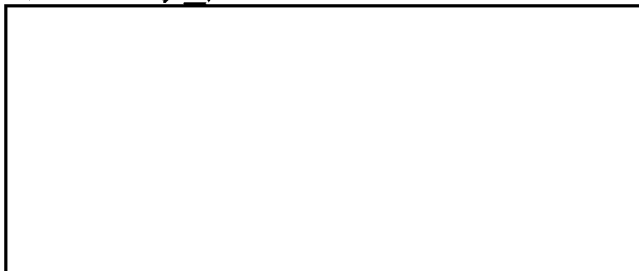
stands, and the apparent lack of tankage indicate that this may be an area for the horizontal test firing of solid-propellant rocket motors.

Probable Support Area (item 2). The Probable Support Area is located about 2 nm northeast of Krasnoarmeysk. It measures approximately 5,700 by 3,200 feet and is enclosed by a single security fence. The area contains 24 storage/support buildings ranging in size from 200 by 60 feet to 50 feet square. Several tanklike objects of undetermined size also appear to be present in the area. A good road connects the Probable Support Area to the Possible Static Test Area. A single-track rail spur serves the area from the main line between Moscow and Zagorsk.

Unidentified activity (items 3-6). Two of these areas of unidentified activity (items 3 and 4) are located northeast of the Possible Static Test Area. The other two are located in the southwest part of the facility. One (item 5) is a heavily scarred area approximately 9,000 feet long which appears to be a rocket sled track. This possible rocket sled track

would be used in the testing of ramjet (athodyd-assist) projectiles, a program reportedly undertaken at Krasnoarmeysk. 1/ The second (item 6) is a double-fenced area measuring approximately 1,300 by 1,000 feet and containing six revetted storage bunkers of unknown usage.

The possible locations of several other installations at Krasnoarmeysk have been identified on [redacted] with the aid of collateral information. Possibly located at the west end of the facility is an early (1949-50) rocket test area (item 7) with a wind tunnel (item 8). Design Bureau 3 (item 9) and Institute Tarnovsky (item 10)--which are associated with NII 88 at Kaliningrad and Plant 456 at Khimki--are probably also located in this area of the facility. 2/



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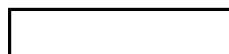


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